

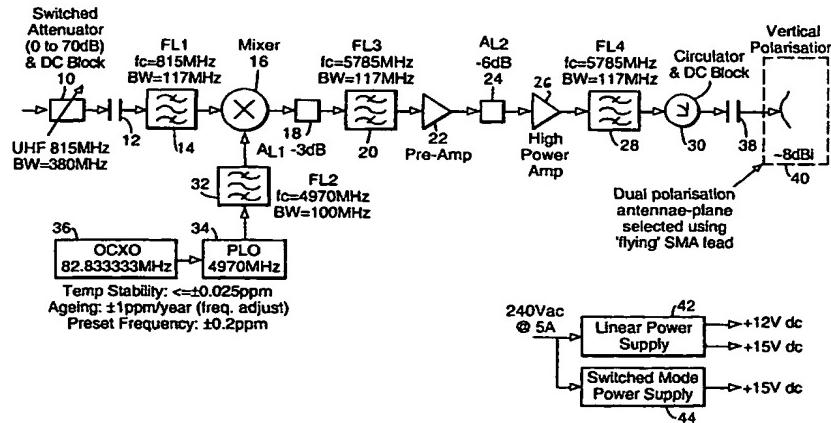


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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a method of, and apparatus for, the transmission of a plurality of signals. It relates particularly, but not exclusively, to the simultaneous transmission and distribution of Coded Frequency Division Multiplexing (COFDM) signals in a Cellular Access to Broadband Services and Interactive Television (CABSINET) microcell. The method, and apparatus, for the transmission of a plurality of signals, include the steps of a) receiving a plurality of input signals; b) attenuating the said signals so as to provide suitable signals for enabling other components to operate in a preferred operating region; c) band-pass filtering the said signals; d) translating the frequency of the said signals to provide modified signals in a predetermined bandwidth; e) attenuating the modified signals; f) band-pass filtering the modified signals; g) amplifying the modified signals; h) band-pass filtering the modified signals; and i) transmitting the modified signals to a plurality of receivers, so that each receiver, when suitable tuned, receives a separate transmitted signal. An advantage of the invention, over existing systems, is that the expensive and disruptive process of installation of cables is avoided.

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